(d) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) According to available information, there is no rampant corruption among the Border Security Force jawans manning the Indor-Bangladesh border. Instructions are issued from time to time to maintain strict vigil all along the Indo-Bangladesh border. However, individual cases of involvement of the Border Security Force personnel are reported from time to time. Exemplary disciplinary action is taken as per the Border Security Force Act and Rules.

Recruitment of Bodo Youth by ULFA

3225. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United Liberation Front of Assam has started recruiting Bodo Youth in upper Assam; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to check such attempts by ULFA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above does not arise.

Deficiencies in manning the border areas

3226. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the magnitude of infiltration, smuggling of arms, drugs etc. at the Rann of Kutch, Indo-Pak border, the border areas in Rajasthan, Indo-Nepal border besides the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir and the involvement of the local and the security personnel for making the task of the infiltrators/smugglers easy;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating border areas which are more prone to such activities; and

(c) the action taken by Government to remove the deficiencies in manning the border areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Government is seized of the problem of infiltration, smuggling of arms and drugs etc. from across the Indo-Pak and Indo-Nepal borders. An assessment of such activities is made by the Government on a regular basis. Whenever instances of involvement of the locals and security personnel in smuggling of arms/drugs, infiltration etc. are detected, necessary action under Law is taken against such elements.

(b) Identification of vulnerable stretches/portions of the border areas by the security agencies is an on-going process and details of such areas cannot be disclosed due to security reasons.

(c) with a view to improve the effectiveness of the border guarding forces, the Government has already approved the augmentation of strength of these forces over a period of 5 years beginning 2000-2001.

Illegal travel to foreign countries

3227. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people travelling illegally to foreign countries from all the international airports in the country including Hyderabad;

(b) what steps Government have taken to curb such illegal travelling; and

(c) the number of vigilance officers appointed at various international airports in India to curb the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Wireless message to Pakistan from Kargil by a mysterious lady

†3228. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a mysterious lady who has been transmitting wireless messages to Pakistan from Kargil for the last one year;

(b) if so, action taken by Government to check it; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.